Rumpelstiltskin

Read it yourself with Ladybird

Level 2

Note to parents, carers and teachers

Read it yourself is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

Ideas for use

- Begin by looking through the book and talking about the pictures. Has your child heard this story before?
- Help your child with any words he does not know, either by helping him to sound them out or supplying them yourself.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions on pages 30 and 31 will help with understanding.

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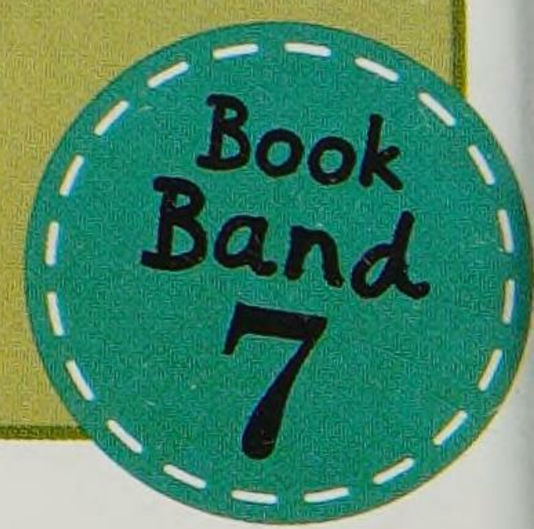


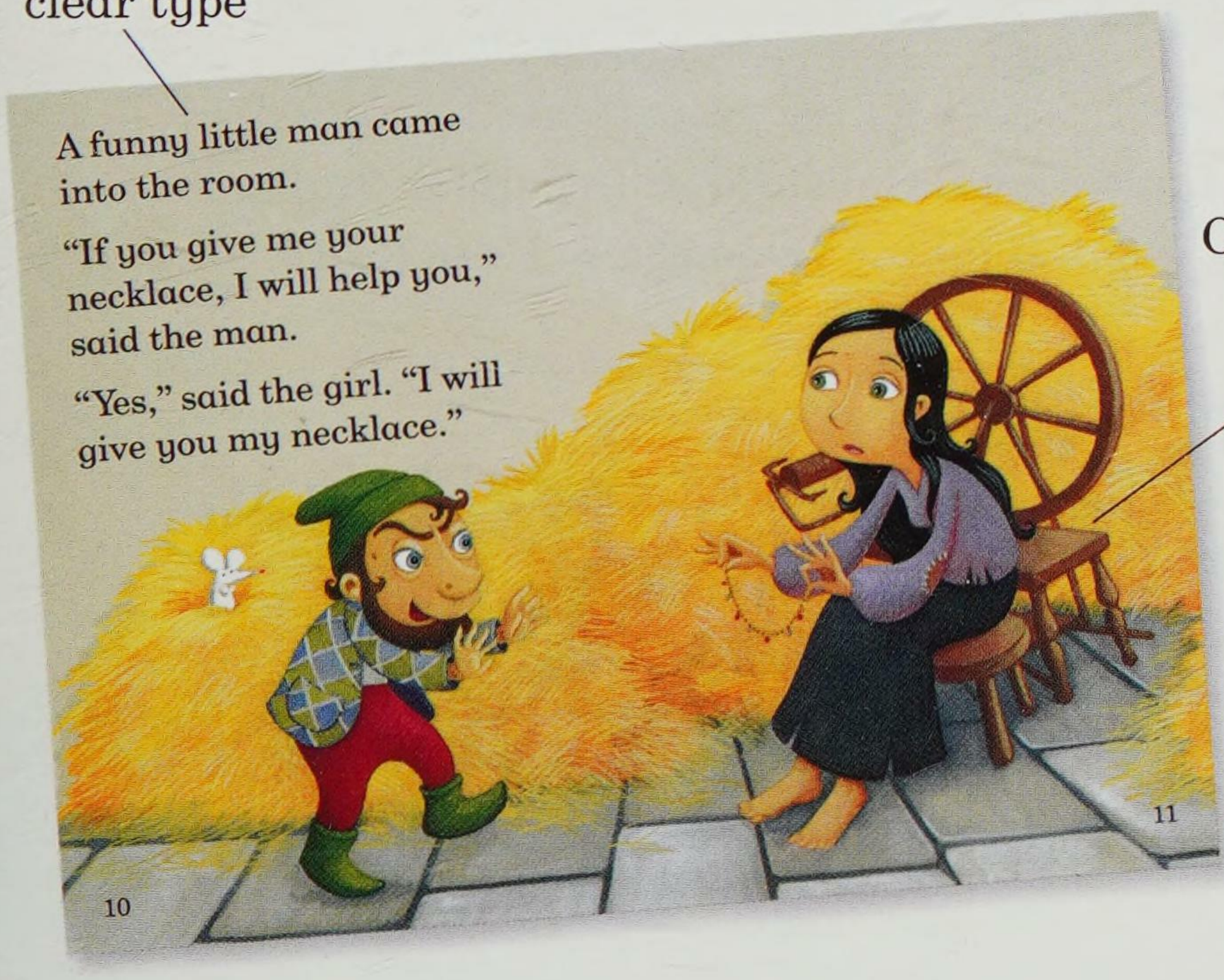
Level 2 is ideal for children who have received some reading instruction and can read short, simple sentences with help.

Special features:

Frequent repetition of main story words and phrases

Short, simple sentences

Large, clear type



Careful match between story and pictures

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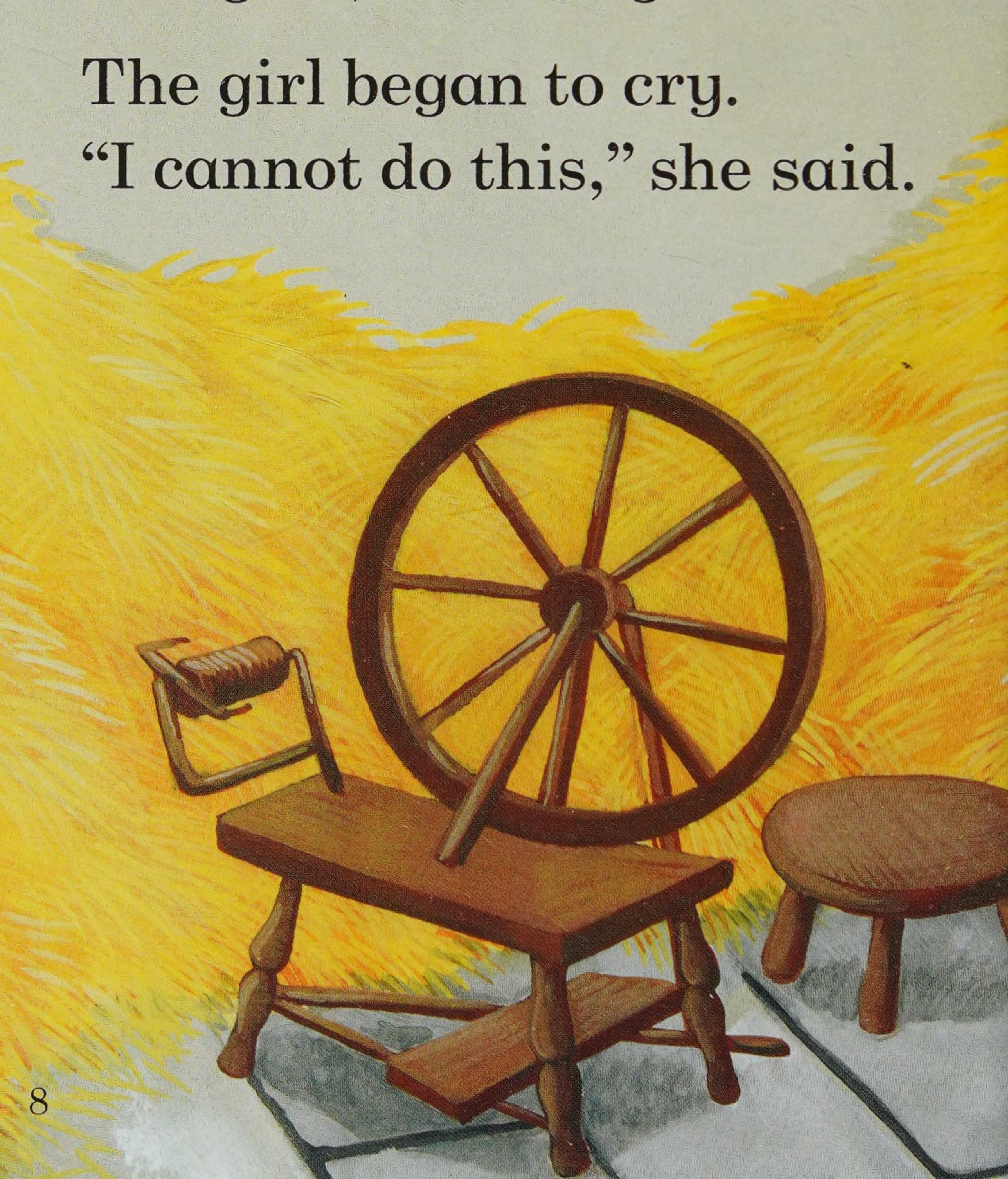
One day, a poor man took his daughter to see the king.

"My daughter can spin straw into gold," said the poor man.

The king took the girl to a room full of straw.

"You must spin this straw into gold," the king said.

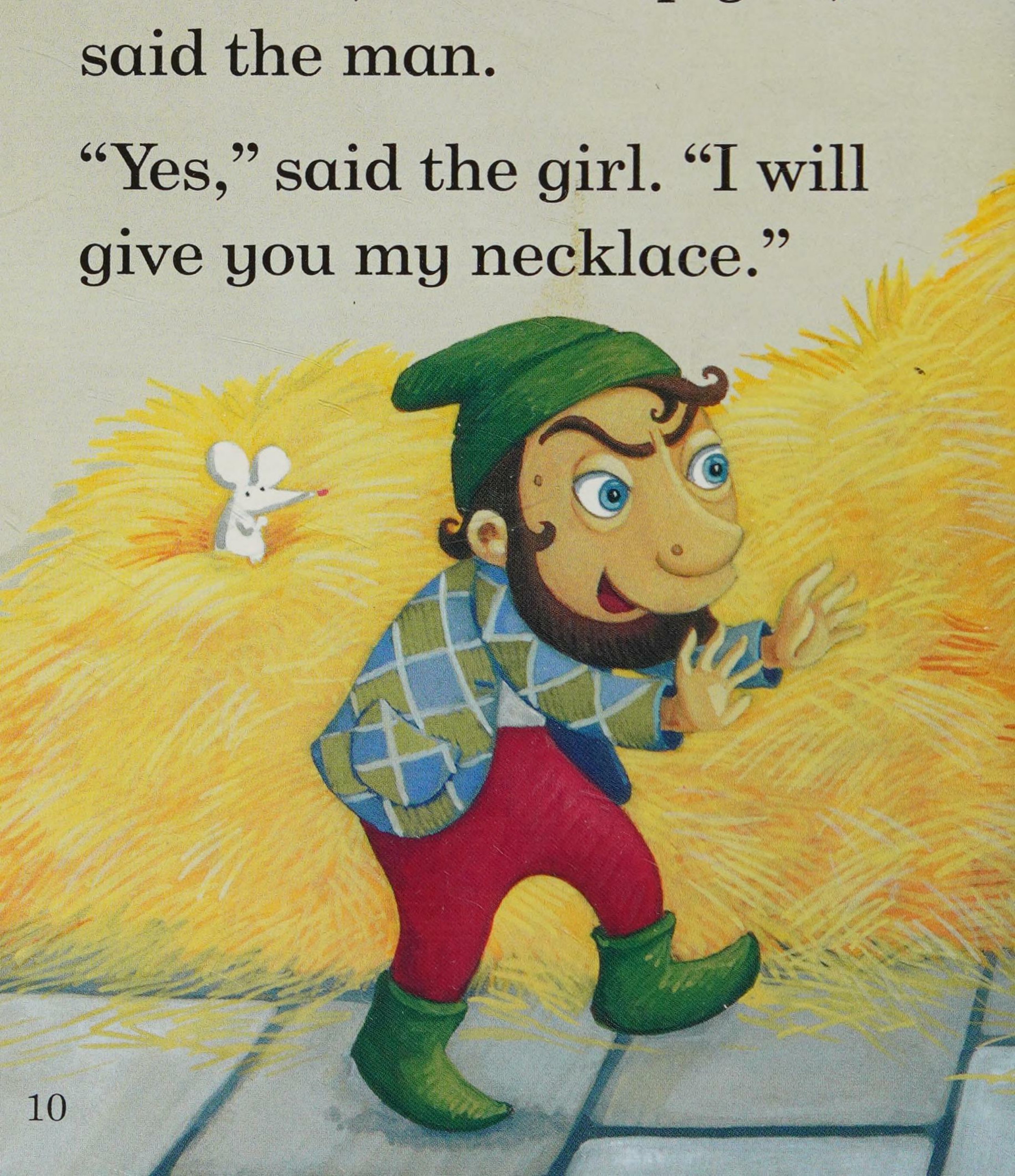
The girl began to cry.
"I cannot do this," she said.



A funny little man came into the room.

"If you give me your necklace, I will help you," said the man.

"Yes," said the girl. "I will give you my necklace."



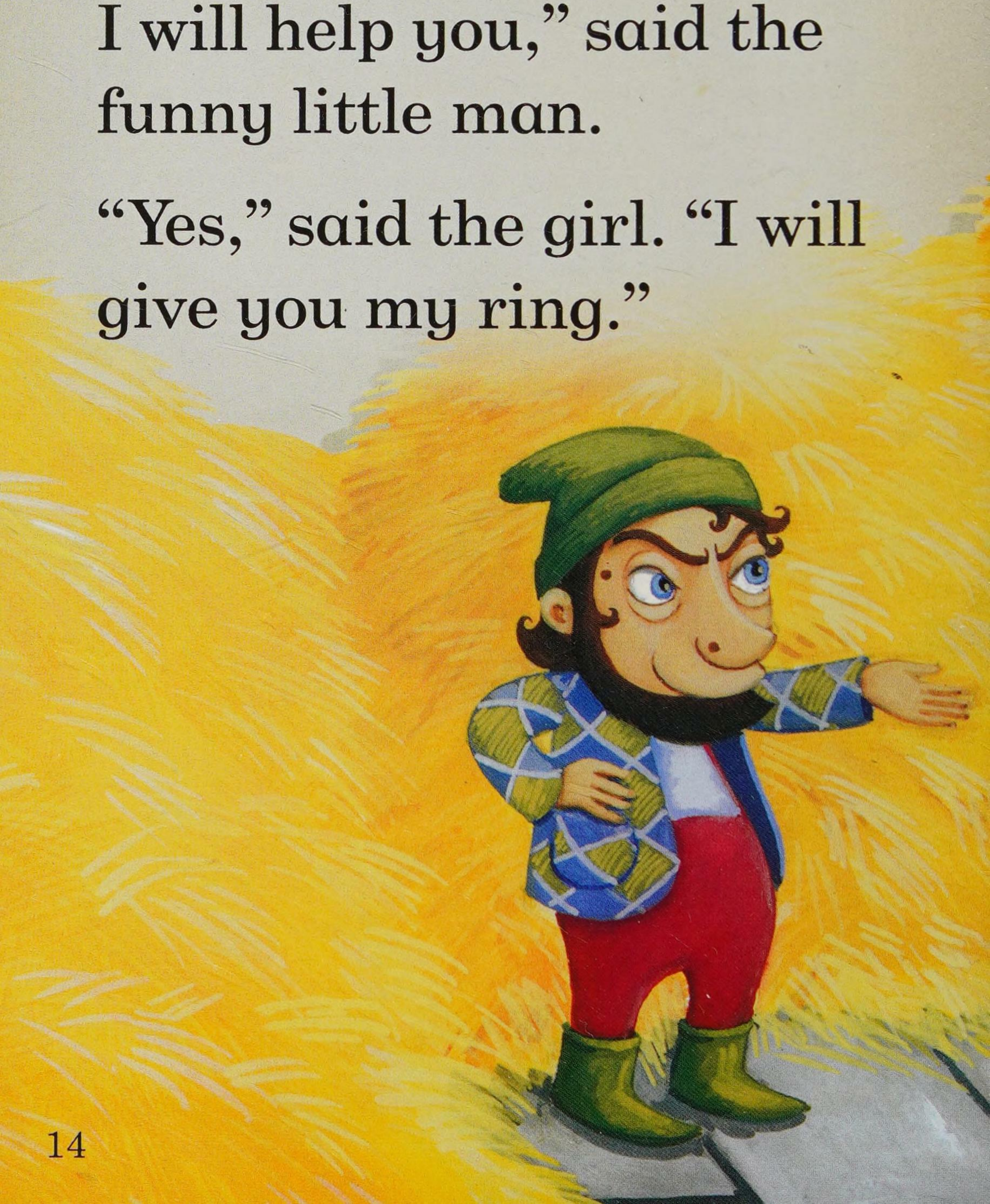
The next day, the room was full of gold.

So the king gave the girl more straw to spin into gold.

The funny little man came into the room.

"If you give me your ring, I will help you," said the funny little man.

"Yes," said the girl. "I will give you my ring."



The next day, the room was full of gold.

The king gave the girl more straw. "If you can spin this straw into gold," he said, "you will be my queen."

The funny little man came into the room.

"If you give me your first child, I will help you," said the funny little man.

"Yes," said the girl. "I will give you my first child."

The next day, the room was full of gold.

The king married the girl. Soon, they had a child.

The funny little man came to see the queen.

"If you cannot guess my name," said the man, "you must give me your child."

The queen began to cry.

The queen sent her men to find every name they could.

But she could not guess the name of the funny little man.

Then one man saw the funny little man singing:

"The queen will never win my game,
For Rumpelstiltskin is my name!"

The man went to tell the queen.

The next day the queen said to the funny little man, "Is your name... Rumpelstiltskin?"

And the funny little man was so cross, he ran away and was never seen again.

How much do you remember about the story of Rumpelstiltskin? Answer these questions and find out!

- What does the poor man say the girl can do?

- Who helps her to do this?

- Can you name two things the girl gave the funny little man?

- How does the queen find out Rumpelstiltskin's name?

Look at the pictures and match them to the story words.

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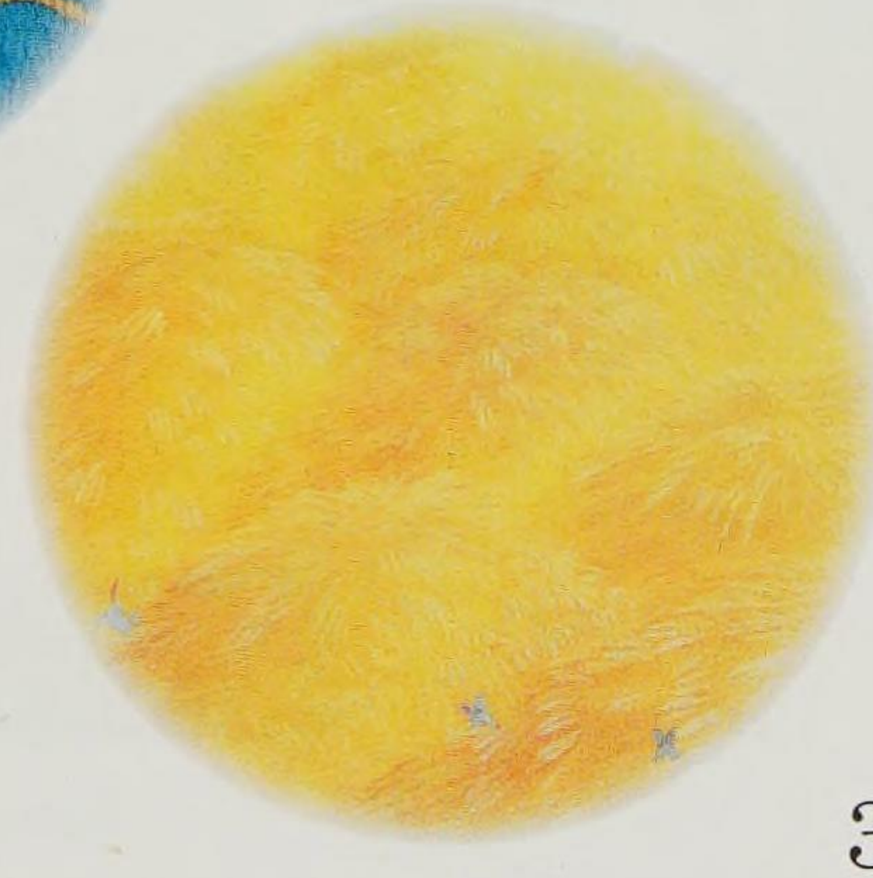
king

straw

Rumpelstiltskin

girl



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Tick the books you've read!

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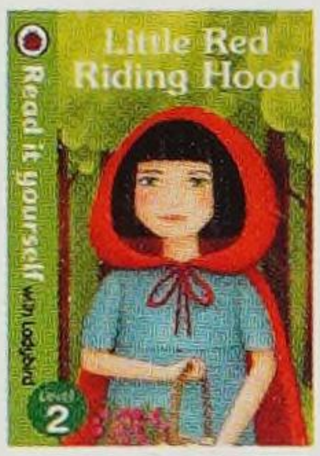

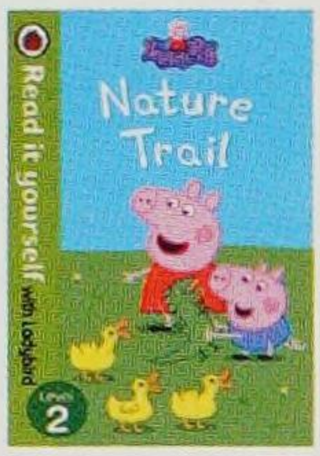

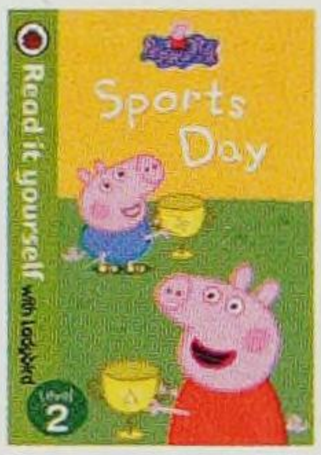

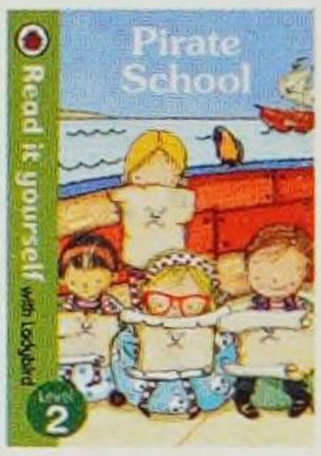

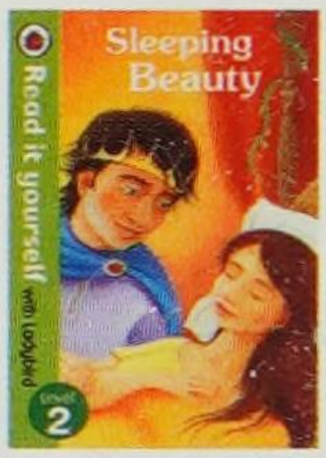

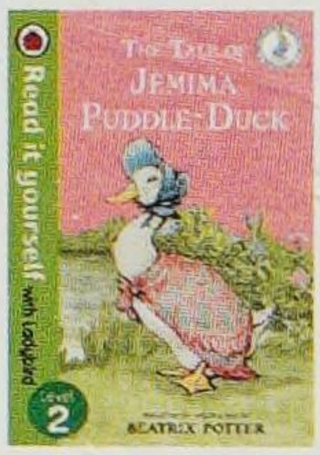

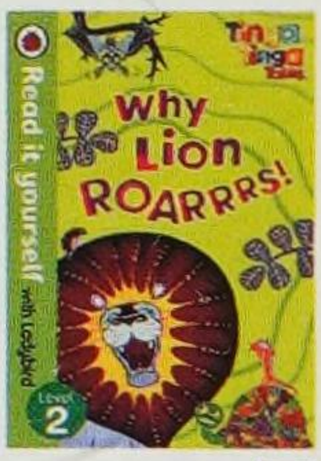

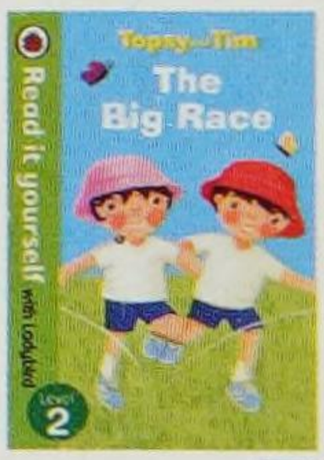

For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

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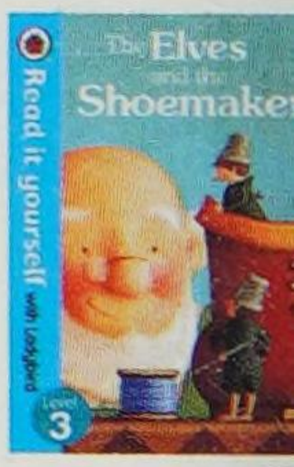

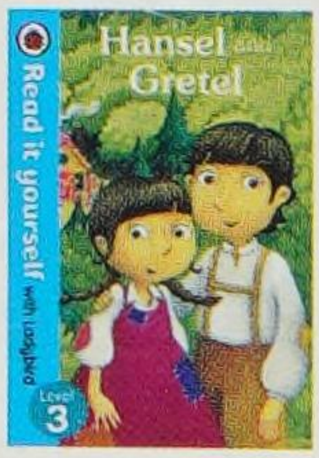

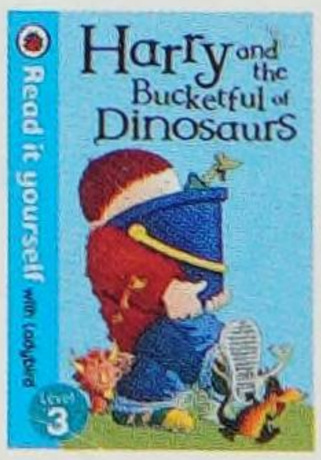

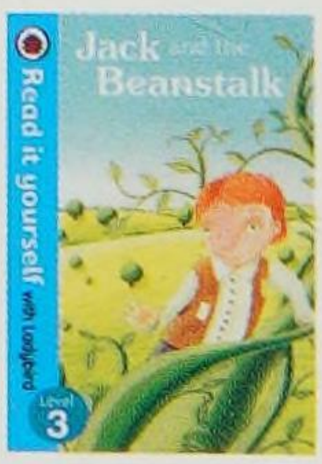

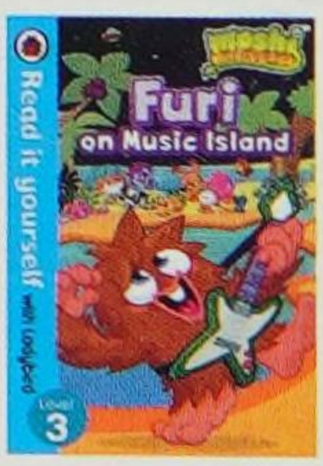

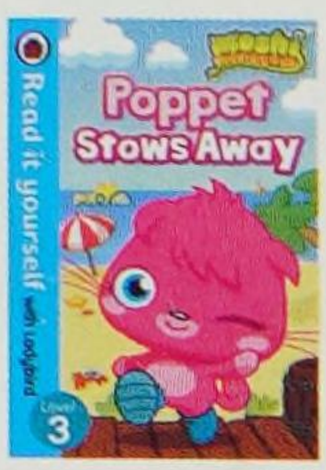

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